Crop Insurance Scheme in Bihar

† l259. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAlS) is under implementation in Bihar State from Kharif 2000 season. Crops covered in the State are Paddy and Maize. 597 blocks in 53 districts for coverage of paddy and 39 districts for maize have been notified under the Scheme during Kharif 2000 season by the State^ Government.

(c) Does not arise.

National Crop Insurance Scheme

1260. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to review National Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State-wise details of the farmers benefited during the year 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new Scheme *i.e.* National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) introduced from Rabi 1999-2000 provides for its annual review. As such, it is proposed to undertake a review of the scheme to consider the suggestions made by the implementing States/UTs etc.

(c) State-wise details of the farmers covered during Rabi 1999-2000 under the scheme are as under:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State/UT	No. of farmers Covered
Assam	1401
Goa	52
Gujarat	14187
Himachal Pradesh	191
Kerala	22452
Madhya Pradesh	186930
Maharashtra	124869
Orissa	267124
Pondicherry	336
TOTAL	617542

Recurring Drought in Andhra Pradesh

1261. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to negotiate with World Bank Mission for Rs. 100 crore aid to find a lasting solution to the problem of recurring drought in Andhra Pradesh;.

(b) if so, when the aid is likely to percolate; and

(c) the action taken by the Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Government has reportedly not sent any formal proposal to the World Bank for sanction of emergency assistance to tackle drought.

Prices of Horticultural Produce

1262. SHRI H.K, JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the rates of coconut, Areccanut and such other horticulture produces have come down because of the import policy of Government; and